One touring car that cut into Broad and Sixth had an exciting time when a cannon cracker dropped into the lap of the chauffeur, sending him althout out of his sent when it expleded and causing his machine to swerve daugerously near a passing trolley car. A tiny blaze on the edge of the lap robe was quickly extinguished before the frightened women could jump. But all these incidents and things were merely a part of the fun. There was no attempt to do bodily harm, and what might have been serious accidents were due to the faulty throwing and not to Exciting Time.

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And when the midnight hour tolled from tower clocks the echo was lifted up by the surging multitude that screamed, a farewell toast was drunk, as saloon doors slammed, and Bedlam reigned when the bells signaled the coming of the Prince of Peace.

CHRISTMAS IN

than all the sacred memories which enshrine he day.

No Work This Day.

Hanks, business houses, offices, stores, public buildings and shops of all descriptions will be closed. In the churches this morning there will be sermons and special muste, and in the afternoon the crowds will turn out, hopeful that sunshine will till the air and bless and warm them. While the gobbier is being carved little bands of the faithful will be moving about like angels, finding the poor and leaving something to cheer and make them feel that the birth of the Christ-either of the faithful will be moving about like angels, finding the poor and leaving something to cheer and make them feel that the birth of the Christ-either for the annual homeoming, the trains will carry thousand there and bring others here, and around the fireside they will mingle and beglad. The most pleasant of all festivities, this feature will spread comfort into many a home; the first meeting in years, it may be the last.

Attractions of one kind or another have been provided for those who want to be amused, with mattiness and night performances at the theatres, dances and parties for the society wing, and little gatherings which, after all, are the best. The clubs will effer something golore. Christmas, for than matter, is the same the world over, and here at home there will be no exception to the rule. The rushing of meetings by the hurrying of packages and the opening—it will be the same as in other years, with no signs of money panic or financial distress. A prosperous season here will culminate in a feast of giving.

IN CITY CHURCHES

Services of Song and Praise to Be Hele To-Day.

Christmas will be observed by services of praise and music in all of the Episcopal and Catholic churches today, while many of the other congregations will have services suitable to the occasion.

For months the choirs in all the

churches have been practicing the most claborate music which they will at tempt during the year, and many a great pipe organ will roll out some great pipe organ will roll out some anthem or hymn in celebration of the nativity this morning. In fact, in some of the churches the services will be principally of a musical character for ever since the shepherds, watching over their flocks, burst into song at the sight of the morning star over Bethlehem, the anniversary of the greatest of Christmas gifts has been an occasion for songs of praise in churches of all denominations and creeds.



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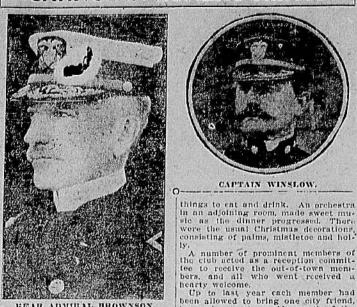
RICHMOND TO-DAY

will render services of a more or less imposing character at 11 A. M., and most of the church auditorium, about the City Will Celebrate Generally, Remembering the Poor.

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WHERE FLEET SPENDS CHRISTMAS

CHANGE IN BUREAU HEADS



REAR ADDIRAL BROWNSON.

Association, on Seventh Street, and at the Methodist Orphanage, where Dr. Mastin will represent Santa Claus, there will be an abundance of good cheer and revelry.

The boys out at the Masonic Home will gather around a Christmas tree at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon for a gloration of the home are invited.

None of those who are in the various homes and institutions have been for gotten in the distribution, and many persons will visit these places to-day, especially the asylums where there are children, to give them a word of Christmas cheer and greeting.

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BROWNSON QUITS

coutive departments of the government as to the right of retired officers to be appointed to active duty in time of peace.

Since Admiral Brownson took command of the Bureau of Navigation that bureau has had to handle the question of the cruise of the Aliantic fleet to the Pacific, the greatest peace move of the navy during its instory. The resignation of Admiral Brownson as thief of the Bureau of Navigation has the effect of placing him in his former position on the retired list of the navy.

Commander Winslow, who has been designated to act as the head of the Navigation Bureau, has for some time past been assistant to Admiral Brownson. Commander Winslow is anxious to obtain command of the new battle-hip New Hampshire, so it is believed that his present designation is intended to bridge over an interval during which the President can make a election of another officer. Among the names mentioned in that connection is that of Captain Richardson Clover, at present head of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

Another name, which it is known has been considered in connection with the vacancy is that of Lieutenant-Choward Clover, as present head of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

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[From our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—
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Greeting!

The sincere appreciation shown our efforts by the kind patronage accorded us throughout the past year, and especially during this happy season is most gratifying to us.

Trom the bottom of our hearts we thank our friends-wishing one and all a "Merry Christmas" and a happy New Year.

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Miss Lillian Stanner.
Miss Lillian Stanner died Monday afternoon at her residence on the Charles City Road, in the twenty-first year of her age.
The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her home.
The interment will be made in Oak-wood Cemetery.
Mrs. Mary F. Richardson.

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ROANOKE, VA., December 21.—Mrs.
Mary F. Richardson died last night at
the home of her daughter from cancer
aged seventy-fine years. She was a
native of Charlotte county.

DEAT 115.

HAMPTON.—Died, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. H. Hayward, No. 2412 Venable Street, Mrs. ROBE-KETTE HAMPTON, widow of J. J. Hampton, aged seventy-nine. At rest.

Funeral at residence THURSDAY, December 25th, at 11 A. M. Interment in Oakwood.

STANNER.—Died, at her residence, on the Charles City Road, in Henrico county, Monday, at 5 P. M., LILLMAN STANNER, in the twenty-first year of her age.

The funeral THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON from her late residence at 2:39 oclock. Burial in Oakwood.

MARRIAGES

JARRELL - LESTER. Married, by Rev. W. L. Ball, in the parlors of the officiating minister, 1912 Grove Avenue, on Tuesday, December 24th, at 7:45 P. M., Mr. W. C. LESTER and Miss NAOMAH JARRELL, both of Chesterfield county, Va.



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